

**Senior Academy Board Meeting  
Glendale Library  
Thursday, January 15, 2010**

**Board members present:** Marge Applegate, Ted Cutshall, Noel Duerden, Mark Grove, Mary Grove, Giles Hoyt, Carlyn Johnson, Golam Mannan, Shirley Newhouse, Sheldon Siegel, Bill Voos, Harriet Wilkins

**Members absent:** Joe Hingtgen, Leon Rand

**Committee Chair present:** Walt Linne

**Call to order**

President Harriet Wilkins called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the November 12, 2009, board meeting had been approved by email.

**President's report**

President Harriet Wilkins introduced Chris Maroldo, Director of the University College STAR (Students Taking Academic Responsibility) Mentoring Program, who explained how the program works. Mentoring is mandatory for students who are in first-time academic probation or reinstated for the upcoming semester. Currently, there are 200 students per semester in the program and 100 volunteer mentors, who are faculty, students, advisors, and other resource people. Mentors do not do academic advising, but they meet with a student about 30 minutes a week for 10 weeks. Students do a self assessment to analyze why they are having academic problems. Common issues are time management, hesitancy in approaching teachers and unfamiliarity with university resources. Some first generation college students feel bewildered. Students say the greatest benefit is that "someone cares about me." Maroldo urged the Senior Academy members to consider becoming mentors. Harriet offered to announce the need for mentors at the next SA program.

Harriet reported:

- At this point, 46 SA members have pledged \$25,452 to the United Way campaign.
- Richard Patterson is moving to Atlanta and has resigned from the SA board.  
Richard's resignation was accepted by consensus.
- She's trying to fix a date for the SA annual meeting.

**Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Shirley Newhouse distributed reports from November 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, balances were as follows: Senior Academy Fund: \$5401; Returning Student Scholarship account: \$41,927; IPS Scholarship account: \$35,056; Academic Scholarship account: \$ 37,635; Senior Academy checking account: \$6,174.

Shirley said that SA has \$2,000 in each scholarship fund that hasn't been deducted from those accounts to reimburse IUPUI for this year's scholarships. She will remind the Foundation to release those awards. Shirley also reported that recent contributions to the scholarship funds (in response to a year-end letter to SA members) have not been posted. Harriet said that once we will get a report on those contributions, the Scholarship Committee will send thank-you letters to contributors.

**Last Lecture Committee Report**

Chair Golam Mannan reported that letters were sent to four finalists nominated for the 2009 lecture, asking them whether they wish to be considered in 2010. In November, Dean of the Faculties Sukhatme sent a letter to the deans requesting nominations and asking them to

distribute the letter to their faculty members. The Last Lecture Committee is working on additional ways to solicit nominations from the university community.

A discussion followed regarding awards for the Last Lecturer. The IU Foundation will provide cash awards for the next two years; afterward the Foundation will continue to co-sponsor the event, though funding is not assured. Board members discussed awarding a plaque or medallion to the Last Lecturer. Golam agreed that the Last Lecture Committee will choose an appropriate award.

### **Program Committee Report**

Carlyn Johnson announced that on January 19, 2010, Tom DeCoster will speak on the characteristics of four generations: Veterans, Boomers, Generation X and Millennial (the Helicopter Generation). For a future program, Carlyn has asked Marilyn Schultz, an expert on state and local government, to speak about Indiana's governmental system and the Kernan-Shepard report.

Noel Duerden and Mark Grove encouraged Carlyn to invite the people who had responded to the recent SA survey stating their willingness to give a presentation. Mark mentioned, in particular, Dr. George Rawls, an SA member from the IU Medical School, who has an interesting personal story and has offered to speak on the History of Black Physicians.

### **Social Committee Report**

Mary Grove reported on upcoming activities:

- Reservations are due by February 8 for the February 17 lunch at Charbonos in Avon and slide program commemorating 15 years of SA events.
- Ten members have made reservations for March 17 program by the Ensemble Music Society.
- The final social event is an overnight stay at Turkey Run State Park on May 6-7.

### **Other Business**

Board members congratulated Noel Duerden on the excellent writing, layout, use of color and photos in the *Senior Sentinel*.

Harriet announced that Bill Voos will chair the Nominating Committee.

The next Board meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, in the Glendale Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Grove, Secretary